## PATENT IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

June 1, 2006

Application No.:

09/540,843

Filed:

March 31, 2000

Title:

Use of Locally Applied DNA Fragments

Confir No:

2644

Group Art Unit:

1635

Examiner Name:

Brian A. Whiteman

## ASSERTION OF SMALL ENTITY STATUS PURSUANT TO 37 C.F.R. §1.27 (c)(1)

Commissioner for Patents Mail Stop M Correspondence P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

This communication hereby asserts that the above-identified patent application is entitled to small entity status.

Respectfully submitted

Signature

David W. Clough, Ph.D.

Printed Name

Howrey LLP 321 N. Clark St., Ste. 3400 Chicago, IL 60610

Telephone: (312) 595-1408

Fax: (312) 595-2250

Title Attorney of Record

Reg. No. 36,107